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In Honolulu Honsport, Ltd. 1365 Colburn Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 (808) 833-3026 or (808) 949-5591	In Honolulu The Thom Company, Ltd. King & Smith Streets Honolulu, Hawaii 96817 (808) 538-6764	In Honokaa Ka Pu Kapili P.O. Box 745 Honokaa, Hawaii 96727 (808) 775-0244
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Memories

to smoke in spite of its fearful fumes, my mother's haired of the habit, and the expense to my non-existent budget. But somehow the idea of sitting there, pulling tentative, practice smoke rings until my tongue blistered added the final touch to my vision of myself as a would-be mountain man. By just closing my eyes I could be dressed in buckskin—fringed, of course—and palaver-ing in pretty good fashion complete with the two or three gestures of "finger talk" I had picked up in my brief encounter with the Boy Scouts.

In those days you could buy at any good country general store a pair of what was known as "over-the-knee" boots. How far over depended on how tall you were, but they were never over enough for wading in anything more than a river. Any retrieving chores in my wind-sheltered pathole necessitated going in over the tops; why I didn't just take the boots off and wade wet escapes me now, but I know I never did. No doubt getting wet and a little bit cold only enhanced the mood of wilderness and adventure—part and parcel of being out on your own, surviving against the elements—with home and a glowing wood-burning kitchen stove a brisk hour's walk away, just the right distance in the dark to have its owl-calling moments of chilling thrills before the yellow lights of the farmhouse appeared with their promise of warmth, security, and a homemade meal.

My pondhole delivered the occasional duck before freezing over early in November, and now and then a gray squirrel or rabbit, but that was the small end of its purpose. To a yearling farmboy with an imagination that bordered on runaway, it served magnificently as a frontier: at times an ocean, more often an unnamed mountain bivouac, or the headwaters of a wilderness river. It lent credence, in its way, to the visions of Hudson's Bay, the Rocky Mountains, and eager comparisons with the lives of Carson and Boone, Lewis and Clark, Bridger and Green. My ducks were messengers from places unknown and truly wild, passing through from what I believed to be moose and caribou country to an equally believed tropics filled with anacondas and bushmasters—how I wished then, and still do, that I could see for myself the lands they saw and lived in. And their just being there, those pintails and blacks, in front of my oak and hazel and cedar blind, created a belief in things I could only dream about—their wings whispered that all these things were real and true; that they had seen and known places and creatures that would beggar my wildest dreams.

My visions of exploring these wondrous trails never failed to include the company of what was the most longed-for thing in my life—an exact duplicate of my father's gun (forbidden to me then, of

course); that most exquisite piece of machinery known as a Winchester model 97 hammer pump. With this in hand, I would be fearless, unconquerable, and completely self-sufficient . . . anywhere. I'd sneak it out and shuck it when no one was around and marvel at how perfect it sounded as the various rods and slides drew a shell from the magazine up into the chamber, the bolt slid the hammer back as slick as anything, and it all closed with consummate authority and sat poised to strike with a power that to me was akin to lightning. Then I would work it empty again, ease the hammer back to half, the way Pop left it, wipe it off, and place it back in the closet where it always sat.

Before I was big enough to handle it, Pop traded the 97 for another pump he never liked as well. And then we moved. The fact that the pondhole and the pump are gone are indisputable. But I still have my pintails and the occasional black . . . and have now and then gone where, no doubt, some Indian has walked before. The dreams have shrunk somewhat and the night-calling owls bring another kind of chilling thought . . . a moment beyond the help of even Pop's old model 97. But the hushing sound of wings can still evoke that timeless magic and as I watch them slant above my hiding place, I still wonder, as always, what it was they saw yesterday and what they will see tomorrow.

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Another important message to all gun owners. Much has been written on firearms safety in general, and gun safeties, in particular, but we feel that a most incisive statement is contained in the NRA Hunter/Safety Handbook: "No hunter should depend wholly on the safety to prevent accidental firing. The safety is meant only to supplement proper gun handling."

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